Unit/Criteria	Nature of Iricentives/Disincentives
♦ Reduce infant mortality rate from 63 to 16 per 1000 live births. ♦ Reduce maternal mortality rate for 389 in 1992-93 to less than 100 per 100,000 live births.	maternal deaths, organizing population educational information building programmes and act as pressure groups to enable mobilization of personnel. ♦ Involving Panchayati raj training institutes in capacity building of panchayat members particularly women members for management of health and population programmes. ♦ Constitution of Gujarat Population Commission to oversee the implementation of the policy; review the progress to ensure that the set goals as envisages in the policy document are achieved.

HIV-Free Certificates for foreigners

1960. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with a view to checking the spread of HIV virus Government propose to insist on HIV-free certificates from foreigners visiting India;

whether the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of External Affairs have been consulted in this regard;

if so, what is their reaction; and

by when a final decision is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) As per policy of the Government, all foreigners, intending to stay for more than one year in India and those

foreigners who enter India on short term visa but want to extend their stay for a year or more, must undergo testing for HIV and AIDS once during their stay. However, foreigners working in various missions whether enjoying diplomatic status or not; foreign priests and nuns and foreign journalists accredited to the PIB (Press Information Bureau of India) are excluded from the testing fof HIV and AIDS.

(b) to (d) In order to examine the issue, a meeting of experts was held on 15-6-99 which was attended to by the representatives fromW.H.O., Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICC.R), National Institute of Communicable Diseases (N.I.CD), Ministry of Home Affairs,-A.I.I.M.S. New Delhi, Lady Harding Medical College (LHMC), New Delhi, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, Ministry of External Affairs, U.N. AIDS, National AIDS Research Institute, Pune and National Law School of India, Bangalore.The Ministry of Tourism did not participate in the meeting.The experts were of the opinion that mandatory HIV testing on foreigners/ foreign students is contrary to the recommendations of the World Health Organisation.

The issue was again discussed in the 15th meeting of the National AIDS Control Board held on 3rd August, 1999 under the Chairmanship of Health Secretary and the Board agreed with the opinion of the experts and gave its concurrence for revising the policy on HIV testing for foreigners including foreign students. The revised policy has since been approved by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Reduction of seats in Medical Colleges

1961. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reduced the.number of seats in Medical Colleges in the country;